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The following are some of the important military and political leaders under YEN Hsi-shan in Shansi Province:

1. WANG Shih-kuo (王世國): A graduate of the Paoting (115-29, 38-52) Military Academy, he is the Minister of War in YEN's Government. In the Shansi Provincial Government, WANG's position is second in importance only to that of YEN and he is the most probable successor of YEN. During the Sino-Japanese War, WANG's troops suffered many defeats by the Japanese Army and, because of this, he is very anti-Japanese.
2. CHAO Ch'eng-shou (趙承燾): He is the Commander-in-Chief of all of YEN's troops. Like WANG Shih-kuo, he was defeated in battle several times by the Japanese during the Sino-Japanese War. HU Tsung-nan (胡宗南), Chinese Nationalist Commander in the Shensi Province area, was formerly one of his subordinates. Because CHAO has control of the army, he is extremely powerful in Shansi Province. CHAO is willing to compromise with the Chinese Communists, but he is extremely anti-Japanese.
3. LIANG Hua-chih (梁化之): His position in YEN's Government is equivalent to that of a prime minister. He is a political commissioner and commander of the Shansi Communist Bandit Suppression Army. He is pro-Japanese.
4. CHAO Shih-ling (趙世鈴): He was formerly the commander of the garrison force in Chihhsien (110-36, 36-06). He was born in Kaifeng (114-21, 34-48) and is a graduate of the Paoting Military Academy. Recently he was sentenced to be shot because he was suspected of having had dealings with the Chinese Communists. However, the charges against him were soon dropped. He is pro-Japanese.
5. SUN Fu-lin (孫福林): He is the Commander of the Garrison Force in Taiyuan (112-35, 37-52). He was born in Manchuria and is pro-Japanese.
6. YANG (楊) (full name unknown): He is Marshal YEN's chief adjutant.
7. LIANG Tzu-hsin (梁之新): He is the present commander of the "Iron and Blood Unit" and of YEN's personal guard unit.

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8. POENI Shih-ku (彭士毅): He is a graduate of the Kyoto Imperial University. The leading economist in Shansi Province, he is the head of the Northwestern Industrial Corporation in Shansi Province.
9. HSU Shih-hung (徐士洪): One of the leading industrialists in Shansi Province, he is a graduate of Kobe Commercial College in Japan and is pro-Japanese.
10. PAI Chih-hsin (何志新): He is the present Mayor of Taiyuan.
11. CHAO Wen-shao (趙文紹): He is a staff officer of the Shansi Provincial Army and Chief of the Japanese Nationals' Administration Office. He is a graduate of the Japanese Military Academy in Tokyo.
12. YANG I-min (楊一民): He is a Councillor in the Shansi Provincial Government and was graduated from the Japanese Military Academy in the same class as CHAO Wen-shao.
13. T' IEN Tso-lin (田作林): A graduate of the Kyoto Imperial University, he is a Councillor in the Shansi Provincial Government.
14. SU T'i-jen (蘇体仁): A graduate of the Kyoto Imperial University, he is the Chief Adviser to YEN Hsi-shan.
15. CHAO (趙) (full name unknown): He is the present Chief of Police in Shansi Province. He is one of Shansi's important generals and is a very powerful man in the province.

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